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Jane Henney, MD, Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney:

As you know the World Health Organization has recommended a ban on the use of medically important antibiotics to promote the growth of livestock animals. And, as you also know, the increasing resistance of microbes to antibiotics is partially due to their overuse and misuse including use in agricultural animals.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest and the Union of Concerned Scientists co-sponsored a petition to FDA to withdraw approval of medically important antibiotics for use as growth promoters.

I heartily support this petition. I also understand that Sweden has succeeded in doing this in their country. We can do it too!

Thank you,

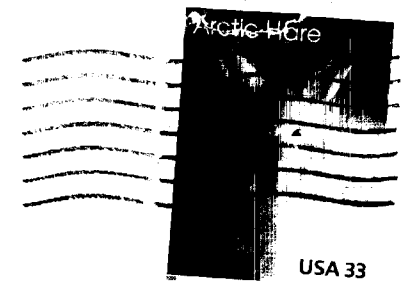


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